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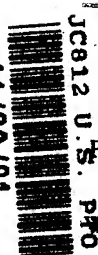
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**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERMANENT SUB-NETWORK
CONNECTIONS IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

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First Named Inventor	Neeraj Gulati, et al.
Title	Method and Apparatus for Permanent Sub- Network Connections in a Communication Network
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